OPINION 889

HYPAEUS SIMON, 1900 (ARANAEA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Hypaeus* Simon, 1900, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Acragas taczanowskii* Mello-Leitão, 1948, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Hypaeus* Simon, 1900 (gender : masculine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Acragas taczanowskii* Mello-Leitão, 1948, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology, with the Name Number 1853.

(3) The specific name *taczanowskii* Mello-Leitão, 1948, as published in the binomen *Acragas taczanowskii* (type-species of *Hypaeus* Simon, 1900) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2317.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1771)

The present case was submitted to the Office of the Commission by Dr. M. E. Galiano in July 1966. The application was sent to the printer on 16 August 1966 and was published on 20 December 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 256. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). No comments were received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 January 1969 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (69)1 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 256. At the close of the voting period on 9 April 1969 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty (20), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Lemche, Mayr, Obruchev, Vokes, Forest, Evans, Jaczewski, Simpson, do Amaral, Uchida, Bonnet, Binder, Mertens, Kraus, Alvarado, Sabrosky, Starobogatov, Tortonese.

Negative Votes—two (2): Eisenmann, Melville.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Munroe, Ride.

Prof. Brinck returned a late affirmative vote. The following comments were made by Commissioners when returning their voting papers:

Mr. E. Eisenmann (20.i.69): " The application does not indicate how stability will be served by changing the type-species designated by the author of the genus. That the author 'had before him' a specimen that (according to the applicant) is congeneric but was an undescribed species at the time of erection of the genus is not reason for a shift of type—as long as the generic characters given do fit the designated type-species. If so the type-species was *not* misidentified."

Mr. R. V. Melville (30.i.69): " The applicant admits that the nominal species cited by Simon as type-species of *Hypaeus* is congeneric with the species that he had before him. No reason has been given why *Attus porcatus* Taczanowski,

1872 is unsuitable as type-species of *Hypaeus*, nor for using the plenary powers to prevent it remaining so."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Hypaeus Simon, 1900, *Ann. Soc. ent. France* **69** : 42

taczanowskii, *Acragas*, Mello-Leitão, 1948, *An. Acad. Brasil Cien.* **20** (2) : 187, fig. 27.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (69)1 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 889.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary

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